

REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

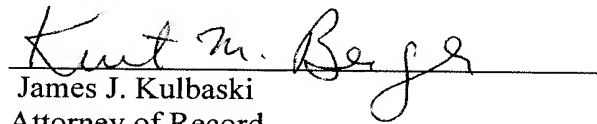
Entry and consideration of the above amendments in supplement to the Amendment filed August 3, 2007 is respectfully requested.

Claims 28 and 53 are each amended to recite that a part of the second portion *contacts* an ink supplying portion of the ink cartridge to seal the ink supplying portion. Support for these amendments can be found at least at page 19, lines 11-15 and page 22, lines 18-21, for example, as well in Figures 4-6 of Applicants' disclosure as originally filed. Therefore these amendments do not raise a question of new matter.

Accordingly, entry of the present Amendment and an early and favorable action is respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,

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